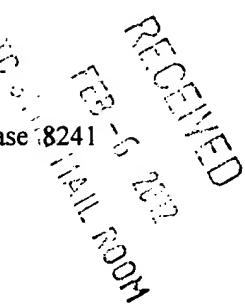


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of

KAREN A. KREUTZ, et al.
Serial No. 09/653,012
Filed September 1, 2000

Confirmation No. 5529
Group Art Unit 3761
Examiner M. Kidwell

For FEMININE HYGIENE KIT

AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2001 (Paper No. 5), please consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A feminine hygiene kit comprising:

an absorbent tampon, said tampon comprising an absorbent core and a withdrawal mechanism attached thereto, wherein said absorbent core has a syngyna absorbent capacity of less than 6 grams, and

a backup feminine protection product, wherein

said absorbent tampon and said backup feminine protection product are packaged in a common package.

Please cancel Claim 7.

- A1
8. (Amended) The feminine hygiene kit of Claim 1 wherein said kit further comprises a tampon insertion guide.
- A2
9. (Amended) The feminine hygiene kit of Claim 1 wherein said kit further comprises a vaginal lubricant.
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

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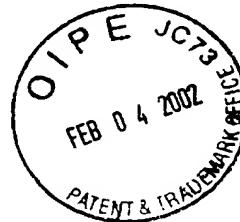
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1. No additional fee is known to be required.
2. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*		RATE	Fee
TOTAL	*	MINUS	**	=	x \$18 =	\$0	
INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$80 =	\$0	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$270 =	\$0
						TOTAL	\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2001 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - a. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - b. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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